

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MINUTES OF VESTRY

June 20, 2012

The Vestry of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Benton, Arkansas, met in regular session in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Present were Susan Alford, Chris Ellis, Selena Ellis, Fanny Jones, Allison Nolley, Glen Poteet, and the Rev. Lorrie Slaymaker, Vicar. Also present were Melinda Hood, treasurer, and James Maddox.

The Vicar called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Evening prayer was led by James Maddox.

The minutes from the April and May meetings and the email voting regarding the RB House were unavailable at this time, but will be reviewed upon submission.

Melinda Hood presented the Financial Report for May 2012. She reported that the amount reported for the SIGN/ROOF FUND should actually show a total of \$1925. Selena Ellis made a motion to accept the amended report. The motion was seconded by Fanny Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

The Vicar presented the Attendance Reports which show that we have been doing very well for the first 5 months of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion about the vacancy of the RB House. Fanny Jones reported that CJ Smith is interested in renting the house, but she had just made a deposit on the rental of another house with a 6 month lease. The Vestry decided to waive the first month's rent to cover the loss of the deposit if CJ is interested in renting the RB House now instead of the other house. Fanny will talk to CJ again. Fanny also knew of a new teacher at Benton Middle School that might be interested in renting the house. If CJ is going to rent the RB House, Fanny will talk to the other person. If neither of them is interested in renting the house, we will advertise in the Courier and Democrat Gazette. The rent for the house will be \$500/month.

James Maddox made a proposal to give some of the outreach money to the Rice Depot.

OLD BUSINESS

We need recipes for the new cookbook. We would like to have these complete this summer.

The ECW did very well with their "No Bake Bake Sale". They made a contribution of \$500 to the Sign Campaign.

Fanny Jones reported that Ricky is still planning to clear the understory of the woods. He is waiting for a bulldozer to be available.

Lorrie had called the Chamber of Commerce about placing an ad in their quarterly magazine. There was no space available, but they will call Lorrie when they are working on the next rotation. The cost of the ad is \$125 which includes a one-time fee of \$25 for the design of the ad.

Randy and Tyler Henderson will be working on the problems with the lighting in the church when they are available.

VICAR'S REPORT

Lorrie reported that the iPhone is great and is very much appreciated.

She will be on vacation July 3-7.

No plans have been made for the Worship Leader's Breakfast.

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Fanny Jones had no report.

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

Chris Ellis reported that the ECW memorial trees will be planted in the fall.

He will be checking with RideOut Lumber to see if they have the concrete steps that are needed for the RB House.

John Meyer cleaned out the gutter of the Fellowship Hall and found that the wood behind the gutter has rotted.

Chris needs people to sign up to mow now that Helen and Zach have moved out of the RB House.

VESTRY BUDDY SYSTEM

Selena Ellis reported that we had a man visit from Avilla Lutheran. She invited him to come back with his family when Lorrie is back from vacation.

ECW

The ladies of the ECW enjoyed dinner at Bosco's in LR in June. In July, they will be having salad dinners and will be swimming at Selena's house in July and at Sarah Linder's house in August. Selena has been talking to one of the Master Gardeners about doing a program in September on Cooking with Herbs. In October, Dr. Sam Taggart will be presenting a program about his book.

STEWARDSHIP

Melinda Hood reported that we are collecting a better percentage of the pledges than we have previously. This could possibly be due to the weekly reports in the Events page and Fanny's speaking in church, which she will be doing again on August 5th.

Fanny will begin organizing a stewardship committee and planning for the fall.

ALTAR GUILD

Susan Alford reported that the Altar Guild currently has the largest membership it has had in a long time.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Selena Ellis reported that St. Matthew's provided breakfast for the Youth Build on Friday, June 15th and lunch for the training of the new families on June 16th.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Nolley

Vestry Member